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(b) whether it is also a fact that teachers in the newly opened girls schools in the same taluk board area are paid at the rate of Rs. 20 per mensem whereas those in the old schools are paid at the rate of Rs. 12 and Rs. 13 per male and female teacher respectively per month; and

(c) if the answers to (a) and (b) are in the affirmative, what action the Government have taken or propose to take thereon?

A.—(a) It is not clear what the hon. Member means by the expression "Provincial girls' schools." If he refers to Government schools the hon. Member is informed that there are no such schools in the area of the taluk board.

(b) In the case of new girls' schools opened with the aid of Provincial funds, the taluk board is receiving a subsidy of Rs. 20 per mensem towards the pay of a teacher and it is expected to employ qualified women teachers in those schools and pay a salary of not less than Rs. 20. The Government have no information as to the rate of pay the teachers in these and other schools are actually receiving.

(c) Under section 67 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, the taluk board is competent to fix the salaries of its employees including teachers in elementary schools.

Admissions to the Upper Subordinate class and Engineer class of the Engineering College, Guindy.

829 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of students who applied for admission to the Engineer class and the Upper Subordinate class of the Engineering College, Guindy, in each of the years 1924 to 1927 respectively in the tabular form given in Appendix A to G.O. No. 1573, Law (Education), dated 26th July 1928;

(b) the number of students who (i) applied for admission and (ii) were admitted to the Engineer and Upper Subordinate classes respectively in 1928;

(c) the minimum qualifications prescribed for admission to the Engineer and Upper Subordinate classes, the lowest qualification of those admitted to them in 1928; and

(d) the number of Brahman and non-Brahman students who failed to secure admission, though they possessed qualifications higher than those of the students admitted with the lowest?

A.—(a) No applications are entertained for admission to the Upper Subordinate class; but promotions to that class are made from Probationary Subordinate class second year division under rule 28 of the College Rules published under G.O. No. 1604, Law (Education), dated 12th November 1923, placed on Editors' table.

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The following table gives the information regarding the Engineer class :—

Years.	Number of students who applied for admission into the Engineer class.								
					Hindus.				
	Europeans and Anglo-Indians.	Indian Christians.	Muhammadans.	Parsis.	Brahmans.	Non-Brahmans.	Adi-Dravidas.	Others.	Total.
1924–25 ..	4	7	10	..	46	13	..	..	80
1925–26 ..	2	15	6	..	47	21	2	..	93
1926–27 ..	1	23	3	1	96	31	..	..	155
1927–28 ..	3	14	11	..	168	54	..	..	250

(*b*) The number of students who applied for admission into the Engineer class was 309 of whom 61 were admitted. As regards the Upper Subordinate class, the question does not arise in view of the answer to clause (*a*).

(*c*) The minimum qualification for admission to the Engineer class is a pass in the Intermediate examination of the Madras University with group I as the optional subject or an examination accepted by the Director of Public Instruction as equivalent thereto.

The lowest qualification of the candidates who were admitted into the Engineer class in 1928 was a pass in the Intermediate examination. As regards upper subordinate classes, the attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers to clauses (*a*) and (*b*).

(*d*) The numbers are 40 Brahmans and 4 non-Brahmans. All the 4 non-Brahmans were overaged. Of the 40 Brahmans, 16 were overaged. The remaining 24 could not be selected in view of provision having to be made for candidates from less advanced communities who possessed the qualifications prescribed.

Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan :—" May I know whether there is any idea of communal representation in the admission of students to the colleges ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Selection Committees have been appointed for the various colleges and their work is to see that all communities are properly represented provided their qualifications are equal."

Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan :—" May I know whether all the members are engineers ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Government do not think that all the members of the selection committee should be engineers."